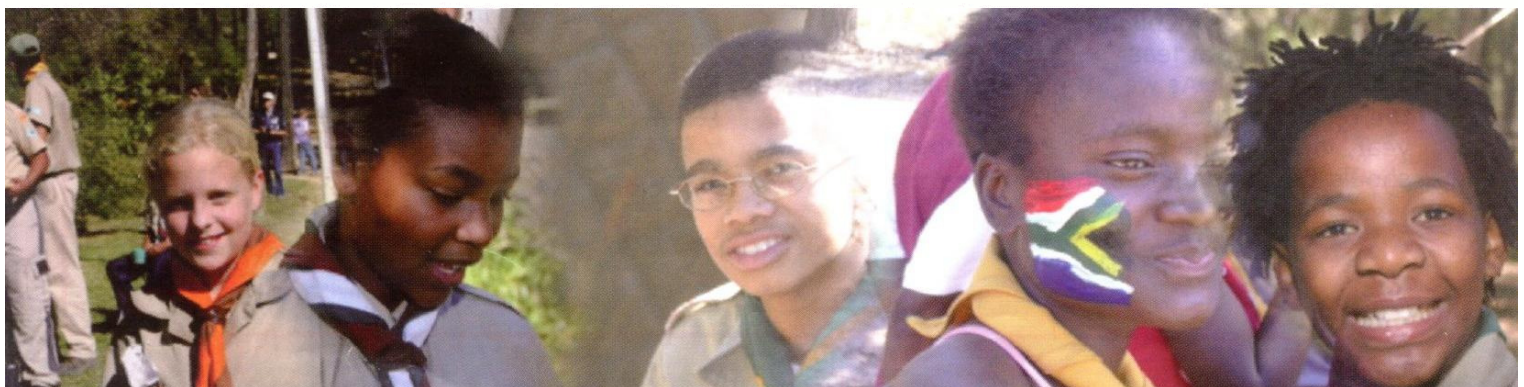


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One World One Promise



SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION
GIFTS FOR PEACE



CENTENARY GIFTS FOR PEACE

2007 will mark 100 years of Scouting - 100 years of enormous achievements and making a difference to the lives of millions of young people and their communities.

We have a lot to celebrate, but most importantly we must look to the future and see how we can best use this unique opportunity to improve Scouting for the next generations.

The Centenary belongs to every Scout - everyone should have the opportunity to be involved in the 2007 projects and activities.

The programmes and activities developed for the Centenary can be used as tools to implement the Strategy for Scouting and to further the development of Scouting in every country. They can also be used to show the world the tremendous role that Scouting plays in the fields of non-formal education, specifically peace education, where Scouts are already making a difference and creating a better world for the young people of tomorrow.

Peace - a key theme for our Centenary

The subject of peace - specifically peace education - has always been a fundamental part of Scouting. Scouting continues to work towards the creation of a more peaceful world achieved through a culture of peace, and not simply the absence of war.

Our 100th anniversary is an excellent time to celebrate the work which has been done by Scouting in the cause of peace and to publicly demonstrate our commitment, as a united Movement, to creating a more peaceful world and linking with others having similar aims. The Gifts for Peace project has been developed to accomplish this, to give National Associations a framework to develop new or existing projects in areas which are of key importance to young people and to the local community.

The Gifts for Peace projects are therefore national projects - which could be composed of many parts - involving all Scouts, from all age groups for at least one year (September 2005 onwards). As we want to be able to see the results of these projects in our Centenary year, in 2007, the Gifts for Peace projects should be implemented in 2006.

What better way to celebrate our 100th anniversary than by giving the gifts of understanding, tolerance, respect and a culture of peace to our communities?

Working areas:

As the topic 'peace' is an incredibly large area, specific working areas have been identified that are relevant to young people and that would truly constitute a valuable contribution to world peace.

These areas are:

1. Managing conflict without violence.

Peace and conflict resolution, including problem solving, negotiation and mediation skills, anger management.

2. Challenging prejudice.

Identifying and challenging prejudices and stereotypes, for example: racism, religious intolerance, bullying and gender.

3. Encouraging greater solidarity.

Solidarity with underprivileged groups, for example: refugees, internally displaced people, asylum seekers, street children and ethnic minority groups.

The Gifts for Peace should meet the following criteria:

- The Gifts for Peace should meet real needs and make a difference to the community. Scout organizations should carefully identify these needs.
- They should respond to needs that are important to young people, and while scale is not important, they should address issues that affect young people directly rather than indirectly.
- The Gifts for Peace should reach out to people with whom Scouting has not traditionally worked. Scouts should try to 'bridge the gap' into a community.
- Gifts for Peace may take many forms and may build on previous projects.

"Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best"

Baden-Powell

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." Eleanor Roosevelt





SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S GIFTS FOR PEACE

The South African Scout Association (SASA) has adopted its HIV/AIDS Education Programme as its Centenary Gift For Peace Project.

Having introduced the Programme as an integral part of the Scout Advancement programme, SASA has received many compliments for doing so. SASA also acknowledges that young people are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, but they also have the power to change the course of the epidemic.

Scouting is the world's largest youth organisation and together, Scouts around the world can change the course of this disease.

We therefore believe that as an Association we can make a huge difference in our communities and country over the next two years (at least) by using this Programme as our Gift for Peace. We propose to do so in the following way.

- Train at least 180 adults in HIV/Aids Peer education.
- Train at least 1,440 Senior Scouts in HIV/Aids as Peer Educators.
- The trained Peer Educators and all Senior Scouts will lead HIV/Aids discussions. These Scouts will be drawn from every Troop in the country which means that once they have had their discussions they would have reached our entire youth membership. The youth would be encouraged to reach out to their peers at schools and their communities.
- A monitoring & evaluation plan is in place to ascertain whether our training is effective and a measurable impact is made.
- 2 National seminars for leadership (National) dealing with HIV/AIDS
- 14 Provincial Seminars (Each Province will host a seminar for a minimum of 200 adults per Province resulting in 1400 adults being reached). These seminars

"It is the moral responsibility of Scout Associations to address the impact that HIV/AIDS (and other STD's) is having on our societies and to include the education of its causes, symptoms (individual and societal) and prevention. With 70% of all HIV infections being in sub Sahara Africa, it is estimated that those infected in South Africa in 2002 amounted to 5 million adults and children and that there were more than 660000 orphans."

will be used to sensitize the adult leadership on the scourge of HIV/AIDS as well as getting feedback and updating them on our Programme.

- 14 Provincial seminars (Each Province will host a seminar for a minimum of 1000 youth members per Province resulting in 14000 youth being reached (14,000 Scouts). HIV/AIDS – among other things will be highlighted here. These seminars will be held in high profile areas where the Association's HIV/AIDS Programme can get maximum exposure.
- Each Scout working towards his/her Springbok Badge will be encouraged to do their community service at an AIDS Institution – orphanage or clinic etc.
- Groups are encouraged to do the same.
- On World Aids Day (1 December) more than 70 000 Scouts from 10 countries in Southern Africa will participate in an Awareness Campaign.
- Each Area is encouraged to decide on additional Gifts for Peace – something that can compliment the aforesaid Gift. For example Mpumalanga Area will be planting trees especially indigenous trees and fruit trees to compliment our HIV/Aids Programme.

World AIDS Day,

Every 1st of December, is dedicated to the fight against AIDS, and against prejudice against those with HIV or AIDS.



How can you make a difference?

Tackle the issue and help young people to understand the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS. Not just prevention of the disease but how the problems are made worse by poverty and factors within society. It may also be useful to look at prejudices and myths surrounding the topic. What difficulties are faced by those experiencing these problems? How can you support them? What attitudes need to be changed and how can you help this to happen?

- Participate in the Gift For Peace Project.
- Every group in the country is encouraged to participate.
- Participate in the NOVIB Project
- Identify an HIV/Aids Institution and seek to do some service there. Service can take any form. For example cleaning, repainting the facility or part thereof, reading to the sick, playing games with Aids orphans, etc.
- Link up with other youth groups and have discussions on HIV/Aids.
- Participate in an HIV/Aids Awareness Campaign on World Aids Day on 1 December.



"I am now devoting my life to fight AIDS in Africa, especially with young people," declared Nelson Mandela, when he accepted an award for humanity from the British Red Cross.

"Young people are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, but they also have the power to change the course of the epidemic."

Mobilizing young people to respond effectively to AIDS is a key to the fight against AIDS.

Scouting is the world's largest youth organisation, with more than 28 million members in 216 countries...

...Together, Scouts around the world can change the course of this disease.

RECORDING AND REPORTING

Each Area is asked to furnish the Centenary Coordinator with the following:

- A list of all Gifts For Peace Projects in the Area.
- A detailed report with photographs of all completed Projects or activities. These reports will be displayed on the world stage at the 2007 World Jamboree in the United Kingdom.

Every member of the South African Scout Association who participates in the **Gifts For Peace Project** will be given a special badge to wear on the uniform until the end of 2007.



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